

REMARKS

The undersigned wishes to thank the Mr. Alvarado of the Patent Office for notifying him of an apparent oversight in the First Preliminary Amendment (filed July 9, 2007). This paper is intended to correct that oversight.

Status of First Preliminary Amendment

This amendment is intended to give effect to the First Preliminary Amendment filed on July 9, 2007. Applicants note that, in the First Preliminary Amendment, one claim (claim 89) was inadvertently not amended as intended (to remove multiple dependencies). The present amendment is intended to provide the claim listing (from the First Preliminary Amendment) with the correct amendments indicated. With the exception of the amendment to claim 89 (removing the multiple dependencies), and minor amendments to claims 68 and 80 (to correct a typographical error), no new amendments are presented herein.

Applicants note, however, that the amendments to the specification provided in the First Preliminary Amendment were presented properly and should be entered. However, for the convenience of the Office, those amendments are also included herein, unchanged from the First Preliminary Amendment. The specification has been amended to correct typographical errors.

To reduce filing fees, claims 6, 8, 12, 15, 21, 22, 26, 29, 30, 34, 36, 40, 43, 44, 46, 47, 49, 52, 69, 73, 83, 85, and 89 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies, and claims 48, 58, 59, 62-67, 75, 76, 86-88, 90, 93, 95 and 96 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1-3, 15-18, 29, 30-32, 43-45, 51, 68, 72, 80, 82 and 84 have been amended to correct errors. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the application (including the claims) as filed, e.g., at page 8, lines 16-22, page 9, lines 20-

24, and page 21, lines 1-10, and original claims 1 and 32. No new matter has been added.

Now pending in the application are claims 1-47, 49-57, 60, 61, 68-74, 77-85, 89, 91, 92, and 94.

Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is earnestly requested.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1105, under Order No. 61386 (72021).

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